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Letter dated 21 November 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Sharing responsibilities in peace-keeping: the United Nations and regional organizations" (JIU/REP/95/4), transmitted to the members of the General Assembly in a note by the Secretary-General under agenda item 118 (A/50/571).

On previous occasions the delegation of the Azerbaijan Republic has drawn to the attention of the United Nations authorities that in a number of documents issued by the United Nations and dealing with the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan the name "Nagorny Karabakh" was used without any indication of the fact that the region belongs to the Azerbaijan Republic (see, for example, S/25635).

Unfortunately, the same mistake has been repeated in the aforementioned report. In particular, paragraphs 30, 38 and 48 and annex I./3 to the report ignore the fact that Nagorny Karabakh is an integral part of the Azerbaijan Republic, whereas further in the text in a similar context Abkhazia and South Ossetia have been identified as parts of the Republic of Georgia.

It is rather perplexing that the authors of the report, while abundantly citing various resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, have totally neglected relevant resolutions of the Security Council, namely resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993) and 884 (1993), General Assembly resolution 49/13 entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe", as well as the recent report of the Secretary-General entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe" (A/50/564). All these documents unequivocally reaffirm the status of Nagorny Karabakh as an integral part of Azerbaijan.

In the light of the foregoing, the delegation of the Azerbaijan Republic deems it necessary to express its strongest protest and demands that the authors of the report immediately correct this flagrant political mistake. Otherwise this shall constitute a serious infringement upon the sovereignty of the Azerbaijan Republic on the part of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the agenda item 118, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eldar KOULIEV
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